



TAX BILL COMPLAINTS GET PRIVATE HEARING

It was announced to the citizens who appeared at the hearing scheduled for tax complaints Monday evening that individual cases would be considered privately in Mr. Braden's office, with the Council sitting as a board of review. Mayor Maurer explained to the assembled group of dissatisfied taxpayers, about 20 in number, that the Council had decided that since a property assessment was more or less a personal matter, hearings should be private. Objection was raised by several citizens, who felt that the whole matter should be aired in public discussion. Mayor Maurer pointed out that the ordinance had been passed at an open meeting of the Council (August 14) and that suggestions for a revised system would not be to the point till the matter should come up again next year to be voted upon.

Mr. Braden stated that the tax rate of 2.1153 cents per hundred was set on the basis of a Farm Security assessment on what it cost to run the town. \$69,287 of this amount was paid by Farm Security, and it was estimated that the personal property tax would bring in \$3,059. Actually, if the Greenbelt property taxes are paid 100%, they will amount to only \$2150. Mr. Braden expressed the opinion that the personal property tax system was subject to abuse when it was left up to individuals to fill out their own returns, and said he would recommend to the Council that assessors be hired next year to visit every home and evaluate the property.

There were several complaints about the unfair burden of taxation on car owners. As a car owner, Mr. Braden agreed, adding that a graduated income tax would be the most equitable arrangement. This form of taxation, however, is illegal in the State of Maryland. Mr. Braden expressed approval of the sales tax as he has seen it worked out in West Virginia. A certain farm in this state was taxed \$280 before the sales tax was passed, and only had to pay \$24.80 when the tax was in effect. Mr. Braden claimed the consumer did not notice the extra pennies paid on purchases in the stores, but admitted the nuisance of carrying them around.

Last year the tax money estimated by Farm Security was met from the regular budget. This year Farm Security sent no money for town expenses till the tax rate had been set, Mayor Maurer stated.

Nora Bueste Will Advise What Children Should Read

Suggestions on what children should read will be given by Miss Nora Bueste at the next meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, Monday night in the Auditorium.

Miss Bueste is a specialist in children's reading for the Federal Security Agency's Office of Education. To illustrate her talk she will have on display an exhibit of children's books from the Office of Education library.

Another feature of Monday night's meeting will be violin solos by Mrs. Marian Hersh. This will be an open meeting for all who are interested in the program. Visitors as well as members are reminded that meetings start at 8 P.M.

Barber Shop Hours Are Longer

The Greenbelt Barber Shop is now being kept open until 8:30 for the benefit of those patrons who cannot make it by 8 o'clock.

Although the closing time has been extended by one-half hour, the Barber Shop continues to open at 10 A.M. Manager Michael Juliano and John W. Ray, the barbers, have an alternating arrangement whereby one opens the shop at 10 and the other starts work at 11 for a week.

There was published in the October 26 issue of the Cooperator an announcement of the Cooperative Organizing Committee's proposal to open the Barber Shop one hour later and close it at 8:30 instead of 8 P.M. Shortly thereafter the Greenbelt Consumer Services decided to keep the earlier opening hour and extend the closing hour.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING FOR PREVIEW SATURDAY

Santa Claus is scheduled to pay a preview visit to Greenbelt Saturday morning, November 25. The purpose of his coming here is to attend the opening of Toyland.

Located in the building next to the Food Store, Toyland will feature a complete line of Christmas toys and decorations.

News, letters to the editor, and ads for publication must be turned in by Saturday at 8 P.M. Comments on the new size of the Cooperator will be appreciated.

First Editor Recalls Cooperator Start

By Louis Bessemer

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NEW GROCERY STORE TO OPEN HERE SOON
Co-Op Gas Station Starts Operations

Opening date of the new store has, for several weeks, been a topic of conversation with the bus service and politics as the most popular conversation piece in Greenbelt; and it is felt that at this time some word of its progress will be welcome.

While Consumer Services is ready to open the store, there will be some delay until the premises are ready for occupation. Electricity and refrigeration have not yet been provided for, and as several holes have yet to be drilled through the eight inches of concrete floor, and plumbing lines have to be run through the building, it is unlikely that the store will be ready for several days.

This announcement was made with deep regret by Mr. R. W. Templeman, store manager, who had hoped for an earlier opening date.

The filling station, by way of compensation, has now been operating for several days. This will also be run according to the cooperative principle, meaning that the Greenbelt car owner may now buy gas as well as groceries cooperatively.

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JOURNALISTIC CLUB BEGINS WORK ON NEWSPAPER
Consumer Services Aids Greenbelt Weekly

The Greenbelt Journalistic Club held its first meeting Thursday evening, November 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, 35 G Ridge Road.

More than fifteen persons participated in a general discussion on the best methods now available for the distribution of authentic news and announcements in Greenbelt.

Several attending the meeting summarized their personal experiences in publicity and newspaper work and volunteered their services as reporters.

Tentatively, a plan was suggested to issue six numbers of the Cooperator, a weekly journal, covering matters of local community interest.

The principle generally adopted by club members is that any bulletin or newspaper in the community shall be non-partisan in politics, and cooperatively designed.

As its first venture the club will sponsor the Greenbelt Cooperator with the assistance of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

The club elected the following officers: Louis Bessemer, president; William R. Poole, vice president; ---

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County Police See "City" As Greenbelt Plays Host

Legal questions pertaining to their craft were studied by 20 police officers in the Council Room on the evening of November 9. They represented the Prince Georges County Municipal Police Association and the Greenbelt Police Department. The Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure; and Court Room Technique were the topics discussed by the guest speaker Judge Walter L. Green.

The officers were then taken to the nine o'clock show of "The City" and ended the evening by being treated to refreshments in the Greenbelt Drug Store.

Chief Wallace F. Mabey is reported receiving letters from several of the visitors praising Greenbelt, and appreciation of the spirit of cooperation between the police force and the administration.

MISS HOFFMAN LEAVES CONSUMER EDUCATION POST

Miss Ollie E. Hoffman, who has served as educational director for the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., during the past two years, has resigned her position here effective Saturday, November 25.

In announcing Miss Hoffman's resignation, Sulo Laakso, manager of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, stated that her work here, which was no small task because she had to "start from scratch", was deeply appreciated and that she would be missed very much.

Miss Hoffman probably will be best remembered as the organizer of the Better Buyers Club of Greenbelt. However, she has been busily engaged in sponsoring other activities here in line with her work. In close cooperation with the Education Sub-committee of the Cooperative Organizing Committee, Miss Hoffman was instrumental in organizing and seeing through to a successful completion both of Greenbelt's annual Co-op Institutes.

She was also active in arranging and directing the discussion programs of the Committee of 40. This committee, composed of the members of the eight sub-committees of the C.O.C., until recently held monthly discussion meetings which gave members of the Committee of 40 a better understanding of cooperative principles and local cooperative problems.

One of Miss Hoffman's jobs was the organizing of what was popularly known as the Neighborhood Nights. These were meetings of approximately a dozen neighbors in one of their homes for the purpose of discussing the proposed cooperative here. These neighborhood gatherings were continued until all residents of Greenbelt had had an opportunity to be included.

Miss Hoffman's educational work has not been confined to adults, however. One of her first and most popular achievements was the organization of the "Gum Drop Co-op" for the children at the elementary school.

In connection with her Better Buyers Club activities, Miss Hoffman has assembled a valuable collection of informative material regarding such commodities as eggs, meats, hosiery, and so on.

Miss Hoffman will remain in town at least until after the holidays.

Even before rugs were down or curtains hung up in their homes, Greenbelt's first hundred families began fraternizing, planning community meetings, discussing town politics, waiting anxiously for the opening of a Co-op store, and hoping that a town newspaper would appear.

Opened for occupancy on October 1, 1937, by mid-November the town had new civic groups blossoming out like daisies in Maytime. Two citizens had drawn up petitions and obtained signatures to "start a cooperative weekly" and one—R. S. Sowell—had industriously created a "dummy", showing an attractive front-page design, with figures, lines, and typographical suggestions neatly worked out.

Naturally, in an atmosphere of this sort, something had to be done to find a medium for public expression, and to establish a permanent record of the life and character of our town. For this reason, a meeting of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club was held on November 11 when fifteen original members unanimously agreed to sponsor the Greenbelt Cooperator.

"Greenbelt's Own Newspaper" Volume 1, Number 1 burst upon the scene November 24, 1937, exactly 13 days after the first club meeting. Bearing a variety of local items, the green pages of the Cooperator started one Sally Rand on the way to National prominence again when her letter appeared in print with a confession regarding her perplexity, and obvious embarrassment, over the use of a "brazen outdoor clothesline". Sally confided that she had "always dried little tid-bits of wearing apparel on the towel rack in the bathroom" and when she ventured outdoors for the first time in Greenbelt to hang up her clothes "for the benefit of all the men" she fled into the house to hide her crimson face in shame. In due time, of course, Sally adjusted herself to Greenbelt's "great open spaces".

With a memory that proved almost uncanny, Town Manager Roy S. Braden could remember the first name of practically every child in Greenbelt—and he continued to do this, remembering the names of parents as well—until about the 396th family moved in—and then his technique broke down. The first issue of the Cooperator announced that 169 families had taken up residence in Greenbelt.

Copyreaders, reporters, and technical staff, plunged into the business of getting out a non-profit news weekly with unflagging zeal. The first issue of the Cooperator—as well as succeeding copies appeared in mimeographed form for about a year, after which numerous improvements in production were effected. The first issue of 16 pages carried only one advertisement—a full page for Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

The first staff of the paper had turned in reports on the first grocery Co-op, the progress of our gasoline station, Greenbelt's youngest citizen—month-old Sonja Fulmer, the Thanksgiving Dance and the policies of the Cooperator. The first editorial declared that "life in Greenbelt is no accident. It is the result of foresight, careful planning, and engineering skill. If it isn't a community for financial gain, it is a town for the enrichment of life, and for the encouragement of better housing in America."

Mary E. Van Cleave turned in an article on "We Pioneers" which still stands as a classic among Greenbelt letters, revealing the heart and spirit of this town. The statement was widely quoted by the metropolitan press at the time. In this same issue were printed reports concerning the election of officers of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, and the American Legion Post's petition for a charter.

A note appeared regarding recreation here, information about a new student council, and other matters about Greenbelt's school with its 94 pupils and six teachers. The names and platforms of 12 candidates for Town Council were given. Mention is made of the service available at Greenbelt's Post Office. The first gun was fired on the very controversial subject of Greenbelt's transportation headache by Robert R. (Transportation) Porter.

In this first Cooperator issue, which is now regarded as a coveted collector's item in some quarters, you learn how George W. Bradford received an invitation to speak about "Cooperative Enterprises in Greenbelt" before a group of George Washington University students. (We still wonder if George got that speech off his chest.)

You learn, too, that MRS. GREENBELT gave promise of being an alert, enterprising, modern woman. With the help of Annis Muddock, Fannie Schein, Sheila Cone, Ruth Falls, Ruth Hayes, and Dorothy Rider, (four last named are no longer in Greenbelt) we were getting our first news on bridge clubs, girl scouts, household hints, and even humorous sketches about "Cooperative Bachelors" who lived with Robert Jacobson, first general manager of Co-ops here.

As the first issue of the Cooperator went to press, one happily recalls hurried conferences, banging typewriters, unlighted streets, and walks, new friendly neighbors, the hard work and good cheer of Rae S. Sowell, first secretary of the paper, and the tireless devotion of Webster W. McCharen, technical advisor of the staff, whose only tools consisted of his head, his faithful ruler and the black pencil.

With the copy typed into a "dummy" it was placed

Volckhausen Is Re-elected C. O. C. Chairman

Walter Volckhausen was re-elected chairman of the C.O.C. at the post-election meeting of the committee last Thursday. Other committee assignments were: vice-chairman, Sherrod East; treasurer and chairman of finance sub-committee, Howard Custer; chairman of by-laws sub-committee, Joseph Loftus; with Berndt Yhnell as vice-chairman; chairman of law sub-committee, Peter Carroll; chairman of education, Carnie Harper; chairman of publicity, Fred Wilde; assistant treasurer and assistant publicity chairman, Leon Benefiel; recording secretary, Margaret Zorach.

Store committee assignments were postponed until the pressure of the present organizational program became less demanding.

The committee instructed the by-laws and finance sub-committees to refer their final recommendations as to by-laws and financial agreements to the law sub-committee for its consideration during the coming week if possible. From the latter group these papers go to the C.O.C. for final study before being presented to a meeting of subscribers for action, sometime early in December, according to present plans.

Legion Considers Statement On Race Issue

In protest against the attitude of racial intolerance taken by George O'Brien, commander of the Greenbelt Post of the American Legion, Leon G. Benefiel, vice-commander, submitted his resignation at a meeting of the post last week.

The contents of the letter of resignation, handed to Adjutant Roy Bell, were not made public; however, it is understood Mr. Benefiel pointed out that, in view of his election to the Cooperative Organizing Committee and the publicly expressed opposition of his superior officer to one of the basic principles of a cooperative, he could no longer retain his official position in the Legion. The Legion has not yet accepted the resignation.

At a meeting of the post a week ago members requested that Mr. O'Brien write a letter to the Co-operator which would explain that he was not representing the American Legion when he made his race issue statement at the Citizens' Association meeting. It was reported that the Legion would issue an official statement of its attitude on the question of discrimination against Negroes raised by Mr. O'Brien, but up to a late hour Monday evening this had not been received.

High School Attendance Jumps

October attendance jumped from 94.86 per cent in 1938 to 97.5 this year, at Greenbelt High School, according to figures released this week by Principal R. E. Sliker.

The school has bought a new attendance banner which is given each month to the home room with the highest percentage of attendance. It is allowed to keep the banner through the following month. The winning home room for the month of October was the class of freshman girls, who had 97.91 per cent attendance.

Parents of students who are absent more than two days are visited by the principal.

Lucky Little Accident Shows Nice Timing

On Wednesday morning, November 15, Charles Lewis of 2-J Eastway was suddenly taken ill at his office in Washington and had to be given emergency treatment there.

Mr. Lewis, who recently became a member of the Greenbelt Health Association, was brought back to the Greenbelt Hospital by Dr. Silagy and Dr. Still, who made a flying trip into Washington to bring him here for close observation. His recovery has been rapid and he is expected to be discharged from the hospital this week.

By an odd coincidence Mr. Lewis was stricken on the very day on which his membership in the Greenbelt Health Association became effective.

Tire Vandals Repeat in B-Block

The tire-slasher of B Block came within an ace of being responsible for a serious accident when Norman Marti took his wife and child on a hurried trip to the Midwest without taking time to inspect his tires. Because there was an emergency in the family Mr. Marti maintained a high rate of speed throughout the trip. Not until the end of the journey did he notice the ugly eight-inch gash cut in the side of his tire, a clean straight cut of a type impossible to sustain on the road.

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75 Newswriters Celebrate Anniversary with Party

The sound of revelry by night heralded the advent of the second anniversary party given by the Journalistic Club last Friday to celebrate two years of independent, if not carefree, existence of this paper.

Former editors, and workers on the paper, to the number of 75 were feted, dined, and danced to a fare-you-well. The cover was not placed on the lid, nor the candles snuffed until the unholy hour of almost 1 A.M., when patient and long-suffering Chester Bateman yawningly ushered out the last of the revelers.

Shrimp salad, cake and coffee were served in lieu of beer and skittles to the accompaniment of various and sundry beatings of the gums by the more prominent of the invited guests.

The climax of the evening was the announcement of the new dress of the Co-operator as now viewed by ye honest reader, by Editor, Donald Cooper.

The committee responsible for the tasty repast and excellent service were Peter Carroll, Mrs. Allan Arness, Mrs. Dayton Hull, Mrs. Sam Maryn, Mrs. Aaron Chinitz, Mrs. George Warner, Mrs. Denzil Wood, and Mrs. Isaac Schwartz, chairman.

3 Arrests, 37 Warnings Listed In Mabee's Report

According to the report presented to the Town Council by Wallace F. Mabee, the month of October found enough activity for the Greenbelt Department of Public Safety. During this month three arrests were made, 37 traffic warnings given and three fires put out.

An out-of-town hit-run driver was fined \$50 and costs for colliding with a car on the highway leading out of Greenbelt and leaving the scene of an accident. A ten dollar fine was given for intoxication and a five dollar and fifty cent bond was forfeited by a stop sign violator.

It was necessary to give 37 drivers warnings for various traffic violations.

The Department of Public Safety was called upon to put out a fire in the workshop of the elementary school which had been started by a lighted cigarette thrown into a waste-basket. A burning mattress and a smoking stove also merited the department's attention during the month.

Girls' Basketball Team Dance for Suits

The girls' basketball team of Greenbelt High School gave a dance last night in the recreation room to raise money for suits.

A cake and a box of candy were given as prizes to the winners of a spot dance and Jitterbug contest.

Refreshments and prizes were furnished by members of the team.

The girls hope to have their new suits in time for their first game.

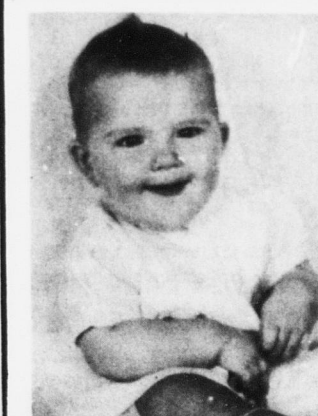
CONVENT VISIT AIDS PLAY BACKGROUND

Mrs. Dorothy East and Mrs. Dorothy Harris, co-directors of the Greenbelt Players' next production, "Cradle Song", visited the Dominican convent in Washington last Friday evening to get suggestions and authentic background material. Mrs. East had a letter of introduction to Sister Regina, now 80 years of age, who was once Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis' teacher. Sister Gabriel, Sister Superior of the convent, also offered helpful advice.

Mrs. East and Mrs. Harris hope to arrange a dress rehearsal which the nuns will be able to attend.

Because patrons have asked that better serials be shown on Saturdays and as there are no high-quality serials available, the Greenbelt Theater has discontinued this type of entertainment, according to an announcement made last week by Robert B. Buchele, Theater manager.

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Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

Those whose lives near completion, whose gaze is fixed more and more on the other side of the great divide, have for the rest of us great and significant last words. There is something poignantly real and vital in philosophy uttered in last moments. Many have testified to this fact who have been with loved ones going on. David Starr Jordan's famous poem, "Men Told Me, Lord" brought this to mind most forcefully. It deserves your reflection.

Men told me, Lord, it was a vale of tears
Where thou hadst placed me; wickedness and woe
My twain companions were; I might go;
That I through ten and three-score weary years
Should stumble on, beset by pains and fears,
Fierce conflict round me, passions hot within,
Enjoyment brief and fatal, but in sin.
When all was ended then I should demand
Full compensation from thine austere hand;
For 'tis thy pleasure, all temptation past,
To be not just but generous at last.

Lord, here am I, my three score years and ten
Are counted to the full; I've fought thy fight,
Crossed thy dark valleys, scaled thy rock's
harsh height,

Borne all the burdens thou dost lay on men
With hand unsparing, three score years and ten.
Before thee now I make my claim, Oh Lord!
What shall I pray thee as a meet reward?
I ask for nothing! Let the balance fall!
All that I am or know, or may confess
But swells the weight of my indebtedness;
Burdens and sorrows stand transfigured all;
Thy hand's rude buffet turns to a caress,
For Love, with all the rest, thou gavest me here,
And Love is heaven's very atmosphere.
Lo, I have dwelt with thee, Lord! Let me die:
I could no more through all eternity!

The membership contest between the two teams of the Community Bible Class of the Greenbelt Church School, is bringing many new members.

The enthusiasm shown by members has spread to the officers of the Greenbelt Church School and they are now playing a major part in the contest. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to be with the class Sundays at 9:30 A.M., and participate in the enjoyable contest.

LATTER DAY SAINTS ACTIVITIES

The speaker at the Sunday evening service, November 26 will be Elder G. Osmond Hyde. All friends are cordially invited.

Relief society will be held at the home of Mrs. Vera Van Leuven, 11-H Ridge Road. Work and business meeting will be the program.

Priesthood meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Pratt, 32-E Crescent Road.

Bridge enthusiasts filled four tables at last week's meeting of the Duplicate Bridge Club. An individual players tournament will start soon.

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OUR TOWN: The Old Amid the New

By Marjorie Jane Ketcham

One of the most impressive places (in my estimation) to go in Greenbelt, is the resting place of the Revolutionary soldiers who lie in the most peaceful of surroundings, on a hill, protected by the green pines.

If we had a turn-back-o-graph and could step from the present into the past, we would probably find that when our soldiers were alive the same peaceful home they now occupy would have been somewhat similar to a hornet's nest...you all know of course that this raiding party is supposed to have occupied a cave in the same vicinity of the burial plot. No one has ever been able to find any trace of one but it still lives as a legend that there is a hidden cave nearby. If we could sit on a stone by their camp-fire; join in the meager fare they no doubt had and listen to the hair-raising adventures they took in stride each hour they were away from their lair...if we could but join in the singing and laughter and the general jovial atmosphere at the end of a successful raid, it would open our eyes to life—life as was lived before we hibernated in the midst of "luxuries". Those pioneering Revolutionaries were the start of a new life in a new world.....

Doesn't this all come to you as you stand on top of that hill in the light of the setting sun? Doesn't your imagination carry you away into phantasy?

Aren't you thrilled when you read the simple words and the dates on the head stones, now gray, weather-worn, and time-faded?

It is a known fact that the members of the Walker family in Greenbelt are descendants of one of these heroes. They must be proud of the fact that one of their ancestors was instrumental in making the New World a place where they could live. They must be proud that he lies in "State" in one of Nature's Cathedrals, where the wind whistling through the pine trees makes music much sweeter than an organ, where the twinkling stars at night take the place of candles on the altar, where the silence through our sleeping hours is consecrated to prayer and where the trees will eternally keep watch over the little square plot which will still be there through generations to come. All year round this is a most beautiful place to visit...in summer the leaves are out, the birds sing continually, the woodland creatures scamper here and there, and the world is alive to the beauty of Mother Nature...in winter the snow blankets the barren trees and the moonlight reflects the brilliance of the snow...Don't miss it, and be impressed with what you see. Stand there at the rustic fence and let your mind wander to the most beautiful things in life, believe that this is God's world after all, and you are standing in His presence...Leave there with a definite impression seared into your memory.

It isn't very difficult to get to this tiny spot whether you walk, ride, or else. For those who walk from the lake, follow the trail to the steps down into Indian Springs, continue through the picnic grounds and climb the hill on the other side of the brook. At the top of the hill bear slightly right. For those who ride, there is a dirt road leading off the old Greenbelt Road by the house, on the other side of the high school. There is a sign plainly printed guiding you to the trail that leads to the Springs. By this route, after you leave your car follow the trail on the hill and bear to the left. You will arrive at the site of the graves before reaching Indian Springs.

If you are human, of average intelligence, and possess an imagination, you cannot help but be awed by this moment, and the feeling of "Peace on earth good will towards men".....Go there soon!

Town Council Recognizes Thanksgiving

The following resolution was adopted by the Town Council to inaugurate the Thanksgiving holiday period.

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has exhibited the wisdom of providing, within the Town of Greenbelt, Maryland, adequate housing facilities at rentals which make it possible for the tenants to develop themselves more fully along social and cultural lines, and has encouraged the tenants to carry the spirit of democracy into its local institutions, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Greenbelt has been provided with an opportunity, new in the annals of mankind, of becoming pioneers in a movement calculated to undergird political democracy by featuring the principles of economic Democracy as a new way of life, and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Greenbelt have, wholeheartedly, accepted the challenge, and have laid the foundations, through their local institutions, for perpetuating the ideals of democracy, and of racial and religious tolerance, through cooperative effort; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Greenbelt, on behalf of its citizens, expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for His manifold blessings, prays for the continuance of those benefits, and pledges itself to a furtherance of the ideals of brotherhood, neighborliness, and democracy, to the end that its example may provide the basis of a new hope and resolve on the part of others within our great nation to promote the general welfare and through cooperation, secure the blessings of true liberty, both for themselves and their posterity.

FIRST EDITOR RECALLS START
(From Page 1)

In the hands of Bob Jacobsen who located a mimeograph operator in Washington, in order to get out the first issue. He returned the next day with about 500 copies of the Cooperator. Ever since the first issue of the paper, whatever cynics or skeptics might say, here again the Gods of Rugged Individualism and the Saints (or Sinners) of the Private Profit System, have had a practical demonstration that a cooperative community paper could serve the people well.

Among the members of the Cooperator who founded the Greenbelt newspaper were: Louis Bessemer, editor; William R. Poole, assistant editor; James Dunaway, treasurer-business manager; R. S. Sowell, secretary; Philip S. Claxton, circulation manager; Webster McAchren, technical advisor; L. M. Pittman and John M. Norvell, illustrators. News reporters listed in the first issue were: George W. Bradford, Clifton J. Cockill, John P. Murray, Robert D. Hayes, Robert E. Jacobsen, Sheila D. Cone, Walton D. Cone, Ruth Hayes, Frank Harris, Dorothy W. Rider and Henry Little.

Now that the Cooperator begins its third year of service to Greenbelt, its standards and accomplishments are at higher levels than ever before, and every citizen will find the pages of this weekly a friend, a wise counsellor, and a helpful neighbor; but the true strength of the Cooperator rests in the spirit of confidence and understanding which it is building week after week as Greenbelt moves forward toward better things. Congratulations, to the staff for doing a splendid job.

The call of the city, New York in fact, with an attractive job thrown in, has won from Greenbelt two of its most active citizens. Hannah and Charles Spector moved to their new home last Saturday.

Mr. Spector was chairman of the Town Administrative Committee of the Citizens Association under Francis Lastner, and his guitar music and good spirits made him much in demand socially. Mrs. Spector was one of the organizers and first president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion. She was also active in the Girl Scouts, Mothers Club, P.T.A., and the Share Distribution work of the C.O.C.

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Two Years — and the Third

To the creators of the Greenbelt Cooperator we all owe a heavy debt of gratitude. On this, our second anniversary it is well to remind ourselves of the work they did and the vision they had.

It is no easy task for professional journalists to set up a successful paper in any small town. A paper for this brand new town with its commuting population of Washington workers posed special obstacles.

Problems of financing, circulation, make-up, staff organization and policy were met by the founders without much help from outside examples or previous experience. A democratic, cooperative community newspaper was a new and untried step. The whole thing was an experiment but it was conceived in steadfast faith.

These two years that followed the first issue have been years of further experimenting. Everything but the name and the policy have been changed as successive editors and staffs sought adulthood for the infant publication. The several changes in form and content reflect the influence of the democratic control as various ideas and opinions strove for recognition. It is important to remember that the entire population of Greenbelt controls the Cooperator through the Journalistic Club in order to evaluate the paper's place in the community.

The decision made in September to distribute a copy of the Cooperator to every family in Greenbelt brought new financial problems which were solved by putting the entire cost of the paper on the advertisers. Citizens have responded well to the increased need for buying from Cooperator advertisers, and the complete town distribution can be continued.

Our latest change is the new format we have with this issue. Faced with the pressure of more news than we could publish, the staff put the former center margins to work by doubling the size of the page. The proposal was unanimously approved by the 75 Journalistic Club members who attended last Friday's birthday party.

We hope the rest of the readers will approve the new size. New ideas will continue to be incorporated from time to time with Club approval during the coming year as we move forward towards our conception of what this paper would be in order to adequately serve Greenbelt.

The one thing that will not be changed—the one feature that should never be changed—is the policy. So long as our publication remains free from control of any one individual or special-interest group this can continue to be a non-profit enterprise, non-partisan in politics, neutral in religious matters, and an open forum for civic affairs.

Thanksgiving

Today as never before in a generation we can pause for Thanksgiving with grateful hearts. Trite as it may be let us list just a few of the blessings that every Greenbelter has this day.

1. We are at peace with the world! For us there are no blackouts, no casualty lists, no ration cards.
2. We are a free people! For us, no dictators, no mass propaganda, no Gestapo.
3. We have more abundance and wealth than any other people! For us no starvation, no hovels, no misery.

And then, in our Greenbelt thanksgiving, let us remember:

1. War can come in a day unless we take active steps to achieve a world peace.
2. Vigilance is the price of liberty, and we still have the Dies Committee.
3. "A third of a nation —."

C. O. C. BOX SCORE

According to Treasurer's books at close of office hours Friday, November 17:

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| Subscribers | 539 |
| Shares subscribed for | 614 |
| Shares fully paid for | 330 |
| Dwelling units represented | 456 |
| Dwelling units with at least one share fully paid for | 250 |
| Amount deposited | \$4,035. |

The following list of subscribers with at least one fully paid share supplements lists previously published: Herbert Barberie, Joseph L. Fitzmaurice, Manuel Gerst, W. H. Griffith, W. Roy Nicodemus, and J. Louis Plocek.

Lost and Found Accumulation Will Go on Display

All tricycles, scooters, wagons, etc. found will be placed on display in the fire house on November 27, 28, and 29, between the hours of 11 and 12 in the morning, and 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon. All toys not called for during this time will be turned over to the Welfare committee for disposal.

Lost and found articles to be called for at the office. These articles will be held until November 29. If not called for by 4:30 on this date they also will be turned over to the Welfare Committee.

Man's Green Felt Hat - 7-1/8 "Sheldon"

1 Brown Beaver Muff

1 Mickey Mouse pencil sharpener

1 small gold locket - 2 pictures

1 Catholic prayer book - "Gems of Prayer"

1 gray wool stocking cap - tassell

1 blue brushed wool sweater

2 small red sponge balls

1 small red, white and blue ball

1 small red leather purse - celluloid dog on front

1 small red and white purse with chain-picture of child and dogs on front

1 blue patent leather purse with strap handle

1 small brown leather folding purse trimmed in green

1 white crocheted bag

1 light blue alligator purse

2 strings wooden prayer beads

1 small wire and pearl bracelet

1 package of orange and black cambric

1 blue gingham rag doll

2 glass cases (Lincoln, Nebraska)

1 pair nose glasses in case

1 snap glass case - (W. W. Brown)

1 pair broken glasses - one glass missing - gold bridge - no frames

1 pair dark green kid gloves

1 pair black kid and cotton gloves

1 pair brown leather fur-lined gloves

1 mouth organ

1 brown felt skull cap - "1940"

1 boy's dark brown leather aviator's cap with goggles

1 brown felt belt - 1 1/2" wide

1 pair of green sun glasses

1 small pair of glasses - silver frame

1 red and tan skull cap

1 red bubble pipe

1 small green tin car

1 pink dog hair barrette

1 blue wool bootie

miscellaneous gloves

1 mottled green fountain pen

1 westclox pocket watch with purse - Playground

1 child's blue tweed coat with blue velvet collar (size 6)

This week's candidate for the Poison Ivy Club is any one of the several drivers who persistently park their cars on the lawn instead of on the pavement.

GREENBELT: A PLANNED COMMUNITY

(This is one of a series of statements depicting Greenbelt's contributions to good living. They are taken from the mural plaques prepared by Wallace F. Mabee which featured Greenbelt's First Annual Town Fair.)

FOR BETTER HEALTH Greenbelt offers

Municipal Hospital
Greenbelt Health Association
Department of Public Health
Complete Child Health Program
Resident Physicians and Dentist

Have You Paid Your Taxes?

The tax hearings Monday night before the Town Council offer the reminder that only another week remains for payments without penalty. Taxes, which are as inevitable as death, must be paid sometime, so why not now.

Property tax is admittedly not the fairest type of taxation, but an income tax is barred by state law. In a community of this sort, where incomes are so nearly even, one could almost urge equal taxation in the form of additional rent to meet our town expenses.

Probably the only benefit taxation can confer in Greenbelt is as warning that we can only spend according to our paying ability. If we can stay on a pay-as-we-go basis we can at least avoid the large interest charges which make taxation such a colossal burden in most communities.

If you have any further random thoughts on this tax problem send them in. We don't know everything.



A YEAR AGO

(From Cooperator November 23, 1938)

The local fire department and Berwyn Heights volunteers successfully combated a brush fire near Greenbelt.....

The Cooperator celebrated its first anniversary and received the congratulations of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Warbasse of Co-op fame.....

Judge Phillips held traffic court in Greenbelt.

The Cooperator carried a summary of the first year's news in Greenbelt.....

Plans were being drawn for the proposed Greenbelt Community Building.....

Letters to Editor

A MASTER OF SITUATION

To the Editor:

I should like to commend Chairman Bargas of the Citizens Association for his competent handling of the difficult situation precipitated at the meeting of Monday, November 13.

The position of Chairman in any democratic discussion group is a crucial one in the constant struggle to maintain that free atmosphere in which discussion leads to progressive action. Myself and several people with whom I have discussed the events of that meeting, are all agreed that Mr. Bargas did just those things necessary to allow full airing of the issue raised and afforded his meeting the opportunity to separate prejudiced from clear thinking. This done, the meeting arrived at the logical judgment and left no doubt as to how it felt.

In such hands I feel that decisions arrived at by the Citizens Association will have merit and weight in community affairs and it is to be hoped that the poise and good judgment shown by Chairman Bargas at his first meeting in that capacity will be carried on when the issues are of more moment, if less dramatic.

— Leslie Atkins

HOSPITAL A PUBLIC BENEFIT

To the Editor:

As long as we have the Greenbelt Hospital functioning for our benefit let there be no talk of its "running under a deficit, etc.". For my part, this institution has already proven its reason for existence merely by being convenient during a recent emergency, when a trip to Washington would have produced grave, and possible fatal results. Consequently, our hospital's competent staff carried the patient through a critical period with efficient dispatch, and launched her on the road to recovery in the quickest possible time.

— Lionel M. Cook

NO APOLOGIES

To the Editor:

For the information of the people of Greenbelt I want to state that the question I asked on the floor of the citizens meeting was as a husband, father, and a proven American citizen not because of any connections or affiliations with any organization.

This is not offered as apology because I still am of the same mind and know there are many in Greenbelt who are more than just interested.

— George O'Brien

HOW HAPPY AM I!

To the Editor:

Mr. East's contention that my tax might have been \$4 less, provided my estimate of my personal "wealth" had been accurate, is, I regret to say, not according to facts. The assessor was kind enough to prune the estimate down to the proper level, otherwise the amount would have been closer to \$18 than \$9.

My sole point was that the law itself is bad, and therefore the responsibility for my \$9 tax as compared with my fellow citizens' 10 cents, 52 cents, etc., rests entirely with Mr. East and his comrades of the former council. The irony of this anomalous situation is that a man who must pay a comparatively high tax, in many instances have a lower income than the privileged soul who pays from 52 cents and down.

Mr. "Happy-am-I", or was it "Ain't-I-glad"-J. Cooper Smith, who gave us an interesting lecture about big fishes and little fishes, made me feel that I was listening to Gracie Allen reciting the old drinking song "To Anacreon in Heaven, where he sat full of glee...". I think the morale of "Ain't-I-glad"-Smith's story was that if nobody had any property, nobody would have to pay any taxes. Admirable logic, I must admit, but it would still leave the Town treasurer walking about looking for some \$3000.

I don't pretend to know anything about big fishes eating little fishes, nor do I wish to preach a sermon about the evils of spending money on liquor and gasoline. All I ask is a system whereby people like the gleeful Mr. Smith will have an opportunity to pay their share of the \$3000.

— H. C. Rust

SWING YOUR PARTNER

To the Editor:

Square dance sessions will continue to be held above the Variety Store on Saturday nights, except when major community activities are scheduled. They do not begin until 9 o'clock, as the shoe craft class has the room until then.

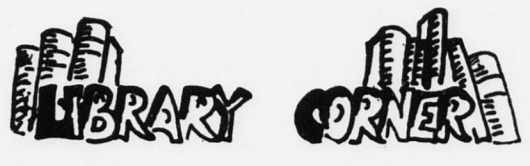
On behalf of the group may I heartily thank the Cooperator for the encouraging notice it has given us; and for the great forbearance it has shown toward our noisy capering being flaunted before it while it labored.

I should also like to ask you to give credit to others than myself for the success of the venture. Jack Sherman and Elmer Brown have contributed many excellent "calls" and they do the major part of the calling. Carrie Hall, Marie Englert, and Herbert Hall have provided contagious enthusiasm from the beginning. Everybody has been delightfully helpful. Greenbelt Consumer Services is to be thanked for the use of the phonograph. The records of old time fiddlin' are my own, and it pleases me very much that they are being put to such good use.

— Howard C. Custer

The Department of Public Health continues its free clinics at the school at 8:30 A.M. on the following mornings:

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| Vaccination— | 1st Tuesday each month |
| Schick Test and Diphtheria toxoid— | 2nd and 3rd Tuesday each month |



SCHEDULE

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| Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. |
| | 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Tuesday, Thursday | 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. |
| Saturday | 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon |
| | 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. |

Book Review

"The Young Melbourne", and the story of his marriage with Caroline Lamb, by Lord David Cecil. A study of the evolution of character of William Lamb, Lord Melbourne, during the first 47 years of his life. He was the second son of Elizabeth Milbank and the husband of the ill-fated Lady Caroline Lamb. The biography demonstrates the influence of these two women on his life. This is an acute psychological study, extremely well written and is both a delightful and a distinguished contribution to modern biography.

The Saturday Review of Literature says "Young Melbourne" is one of those sufficiently rare biographies which reach a high level both as art and as straight entertainment."

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00 P.M. At this time it is planned to have a speaker and everyone is cordially invited to be present whether interested in the club or not. Watch the next two issues of the Cooperator for further announcements or inquire in the library.

— Reba S. Harris

Welcome to Greenbelt

- The following is a list of new arrivals to Greenbelt. The Cooperator takes this opportunity to extend the hand of welcome to:
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| Albert Ellirin | 10-A Parkway Road |
| Sam Mislic | 2-E Parkway Road |
| Lawrence Bamberger | 4-5 Crescent Rd. |
| Unger | 12-K Parkway Road |
| Miss Grace McNabb | 19-E Parkway Road |
| Elmer Cook | 18-E Crescent Rd. |
| W. F. Eady | 15-D Ridge Road |
| John J. Davidson | 6-E Parkway Road |
| Daniel John Neff | 3-D Ridge Road |
| C. J. VanCamp | 14-L Ridge Road |
| Henry M. Sidlinger | 52-A Crescent Rd. |
| Abraham Chasanow | 11-T Ridge Road |
| Eileen K. Gleason | 11-L Parkway Road |
| Shelburne Midgette | 15-B Parkway Road |
| William Stewart | 2-B Parkway Road |
| James G. Burke | 28-A Crescent Rd. |
| Orrville Windham | 52-C Crescent Rd. |
| R. Brittingham | 6-E Ridge Road |
| Jas. Schlies | 10-C Parkway Road |
| Horace Turner | 2-K Westway Road |
| G. McLaughlin | 8-J Parkway Road |
| Wm. Bethea | 26-F Crescent Rd. |
| H. D. Adler | 14-J Parkway Road |
| Steven Prehupus | 9-M Parkway Road |
| D. A. Taylor | 13-E Parkway Road |
| A. J. Folkman | 6-D Parkway Road |
| Elmer Solstik | 10-F Parkway Road |
| M. H. Ginivan | 4-F Crescent Rd. |

Latest gathering of the Chamber Music Group was at Ellen Krebs, Sunday, November 16. The Hershes, Dr. I. Alpher, and Leslie Atkins made up the quartet. Mrs. Alpher and Mrs. Atkins were also present.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE
RATES ARE REDUCED
To Points In States Celebrating
THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 30

THE low night and Sunday rates on out-of-town telephone calls will be in effect all day Thursday, November 30, on calls between this city and states celebrating Thanksgiving on that date.

The following states are celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 30:

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| Alabama | Kentucky | New Mexico |
| Arizona | Maine | North Carolina |
| Arkansas | Massachusetts | Oklahoma |
| Colorado | Minnesota | Rhode Island |
| Connecticut | Mississippi | South Dakota |
| Florida | Nebraska | Tennessee |
| Idaho | Nevada | Texas |
| Iowa | New Hampshire | Vermont |
| Kansas | | Wisconsin |

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City
Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc.
Over Drug Store Greenbelt 3041

Community Health

S. R. Berenberg, M. D.
Director, Department of Public Health

At the beginning of this school year this department recommended to parents that children with colds running noses and ears, and rashes be kept at home until a physician decided they were non-contagious. This was done in order to prevent the spread of disease through whole classrooms. The Parent Teachers Association approved this step and the community's cooperation has been gratifying. As a result there has been better general health in the school, and the general attendance will prove to be better. We urge continuation of this policy in order to keep our children in the best possible health.

Any child can get, after an illness, a certificate of re-admission to the school by calling this Department and arranging for a medical examination. We wish to emphasize that this will be done free of charge.

Parents should remember that serious diseases or epidemics may start by allowing children with minor symptoms to come in contact with healthy children. A cold or a running nose may be the forerunner of whooping cough, or measles or even more serious illness which cannot be diagnosed with certainty in its early stages. A mild sore throat may turn out to be diphtheria—a highly contagious dangerous disease.

Your continued cooperation in this matter will ensure children healthy enough to get the full measure of the education offered by our school system.

With The Players



One year ago this month, the Players presented their first full-fledged three-act play. That was Woolcott and Kaufman's "The Dark Tower", directed by Betsy D. Woodman.

Since that eventful November 29 and 30, the group has presented a number of fine plays, the most recent being "Awake and Sing", given last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The play selected for December is one which is recognized by all drama enthusiasts and authorities as one of the most entrancing stories of many years. It is a tale of serene beauty, without question only one of its many unusual points of attraction is that the original story was written in the Spanish, and it has been produced in every principal city of the United States and many foreign countries time and again, in both the original Spanish form and in English.

The title of this story is "The Cradle Song", and the authors are Gregorio and Maria Martinez Sierra. The dates for the presentation of this famous play in Greenbelt are December 19 and 20.

— L. L. Woodman

BALMY BUSH BRAVES BLIZZARD

A bewildered forsythia bush growing in D Block was fooled by last week's balmy weather, and burst into springtime blossom. Several hardy dandelions also poked their heads above ground, blissfully unconscious of the cold reception they would receive this week.

PROFITEERING HIT BY CONSUMER GROUP

The Consumers Conference on High Prices and Profiteering announced the publication of the first in a series of monthly releases dealing with supplies and prices.

According to this group of Washington consumers, the profiteering on foodstuffs and other commodities is definitely on the increase, and they propose to keep the general public informed on the intrigues behind the shrinking purchasing power of the consumer dollar.

Copies of the conference reports may be had by request in writing to the organization headquarters at 1901 E Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

GREENBELT THEATRE

Thursday, Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Day Only

Special shorts program

Special Matinee 2:30

Friday and Saturday,
Nov. 24 & 25

Sunday and Monday,
Nov. 26 & 27

Remember
Sunday Matinee 2:30 P.M.

WALLACE BEERY
THUNDER ON THE HILLS
The MORRIS GREY

EDWARD SMALL presents
The Alexander Dumas Classic
THE MAN & THE IRON MASK
LOUIS HAYWARD • JOAN BENNETT

JOHN GARFIELD • PRISCILLA LANE
DUST ON THE DESTINY
WARNER BROS.



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I have nothing but respect for the forthright and masterful stand Peter Carroll took on the race question the other night at the C.O.C. election.

And one of the things that delights me most in Greenbelt is the well demonstrated fact that it is, on the whole, a community devoted to the determination that a man is to be called good on the basis, not of whence he comes, nor of who was his father, nor of what he professes, but on what stature of man he has made of himself.

However

If this be so then the group in Greenbelt that does have racial prejudices is a minority group, and if we are to be concerned over the rights of minority groups, as the Editor of the Cooperator reminds us we should be, then we must take care to think of this minority group too.

It is fine to fight manfully for what we see to be right; it is good to shout our convictions loudly in opposition to what we see to be wrong. But self-righteous indignation is not altogether commendable. Minorities are not always in the wrong; democracies encourage them to express themselves.

And in this case we should be grateful that Mr. O'Brien gave Peter Carroll and us assembled a chance to answer most effectively the contentions of the point of view he represents. Handled rightly I think we, the majority this time, can show the minority the rightness of our position. But we must face our problems, together, if we are to solve them.

In any case we must allow our minorities the rights to their own feelings, and the right to express them. We can and should use our majority strength to control the action of the group, but we must not, in the process, condemn the members of the minority to oblivion. If we shut them up from speaking when we disagree with them, they may not speak out when their words would prove agreeable, and perhaps vitally important, to us.

— Howard C. Custer

Mr. Harvey L. Vincent who has been out of town for the past week and a half is in Suffolk, Virginia visiting his father who is very ill.

Secretary of Labor Perkins estimated this week that approximately 1,250,000 more persons are at work in non-agricultural industries than one year ago.

Calendar Of Events

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| Thursday, November 23 | | |
| THANKSGIVING DAY | | |
| Friday, November 24 | | |
| C.O.C. | 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. | Meeting Room |
| Credit Union | 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. | Meeting Room |
| Brownies | 3:30 P.M. | 26-C Crescent |
| Men's Gym | 8:00 P.M. | Auditorium |
| Greenbelt Players | 8:00 P.M. | Room 222 |
| Hebrew Congregation | 9:00 P.M. | Music Room |
| Saturday, November 25 | | |
| Gum Club | 2:30 - 5:00 P.M. | Range |
| Confession | 7:30 P.M. | 27-A Ridge Rd |
| News Writing Class | 7:30 P.M. | Room 202 |
| Basketball Game | 8:30 P.M. | Auditorium |
| Square Dances | 9:00 P.M. | Meeting Room |
| Sunday, November 26 | | |
| Catholic Sunday School | 8:30 A.M. | Theater |
| Mass | 9:00 A.M. | Theater |
| Community Church School | 9:30 A.M. | Auditorium |
| Community Church Choir | 10:00 A.M. | Home Economics |
| Community Church | 11:00 A.M. | Auditorium |
| Hebrew Sunday School | 10:30 A.M. | Music Room |
| Gum Club | 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. | Range |
| Young Peoples Society | 6:45 P.M. | Community Bldg |
| Community Church - Evening | | |
| Hour | 8:00 P.M. | Auditorium |
| Latter Day Saints | 8:00 P.M. | Social Room |
| Christian Science Church | 8:00 P.M. | Music Room |
| Monday, November 27 | | |
| Cub Den | 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. | Social Room |
| Women's Bowling | 7:30 P.M. | College Park |
| P. T. A. | 8:00 P.M. | Auditorium |
| Town Council | 8:00 P.M. | Council Room |
| Tuesday, November 28 | | |
| Girl Scouts Troop 17 | 3:15 P.M. | Social Room |
| Girl Scouts Troop 18 | 7:30 P.M. | Social Room |
| Bowling League | 7:30 P.M. | College Park |
| Catholic Choir | 8:00 P.M. | Music Room |
| Better Buyers | 8:15 P.M. | Auditorium |
| Wednesday, November 29 | | |
| Junior Choir | 8:00 P.M. | Music Room |
| Bridge Club | 8:00 P.M. | Hobby Room |
| Men's Gym | 8:00 P.M. | Auditorium |

Places to Go

The COOPERATOR lists below Advertisers who offer a wide variety of food, beverages and entertainment. They are helping Greenbelt to build its paper so we ask our Readers to try these Advertisers before going elsewhere.

Varsity Grill College Park, Maryland. We offer a late supper and early breakfast, lunch and dinner, beer and wine. "Wind up that Party at the Varsity Grill."

Whalen's Sea Food Restaurant
4512 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, Md.
Delicious Dinners, Mixed Drinks, Dancing. See our Pit Barbecue. Private Dining Room for Clubs and Parties. Oyster Roast every Sunday 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.



MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt:

Thankful? And what for? Home, maybe, or family, or a decent job? Health, maybe, or a little money in the Credit Union? Those tickets on the 50 yard line, maybe, or the turkey in the oven? Maybe you're like an old colored man I once knew—a pretty shaggy old fellow—whose Thanksgiving prayer always began like this—"Lawd, I thanks Thee that 'taint no wusser en what it is". No matter how bad things get, that seems to cover the subject, and doesn't leave room for anybody to say, "Thankful? What've I got to be thankful for?"

Better think it over. You might find something to give thanks for; something you never suspected until you began to hunt for it.

Are you saving me the gizzard?

— Peggie Arness

Now that the Better Buyers Study groups are meeting again for the winter months, it might be advisable for members of those groups to give some consideration to ways and means of helping their leaders. Only those who have acted as chairmen can appreciate the time, effort, and anxiety that the leaders put into their meetings.

It has been quite a simple matter for leaders to get volunteers to open their homes for the meeting and to act as hostesses, but to secure recruits for leaders who will prepare and head the discussion is not so simple. Perhaps the preference for acting as hostess is due to the fact that most housewives are adept at that. It is something they have done before. They feel at home doing it. But leading a discussion meeting and preparing for it, is a much more difficult and trying task because it is new. It is as trying as the new bride's first dinner for eight. Confidence is gained only through doing the thing and doing it often.

For these reasons, the members of the study groups should relieve their leaders by volunteering to assume their duties from time to time. Each member should act as a leader at least once. It's a big step in personal development—and it is a kindly and thoughtful consideration for those who may have carried the responsibility too often.

The Magna Carta Had a Word For Consumers

How to get standard measures is a problem as old as the Magna Carta, says CONSUMERS GUIDE.

When King John at Runnymede in 1215 signed the Magna Carta, he promised to install in England a system of uniform weights and measures. One clause of this historic document reads: "There shall be one measure of wine and one of ale through our whole realm; and one measure of corn, that is to say, the London quarter; and one breadth of dyed cloth, and russets, and haberjeets, that is to say, two ells within the lists; and it shall be of weights as it is of measure."

The United States is some 724 years behind this achievement, since it still does not have legislation making one system of weights and measures mandatory throughout the country. While we have been lagging behind, the world has gone ahead until today consumers are now asking not only for standards of quantity but also standards of quality for the products they buy.

Will shorten any coat except fur. Overnight or while you wait. Charge .50 3-F Eastway

Greenbelt's New Babies

A baby girl, Janet Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wiram of 21-B Parkway on Sunday, November 12, 1939 at the Greenbelt Hospital. The baby, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born at 3:55 A.M.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Murray of 33-P Ridge Road are the proud parents of a boy, John Dennis. The baby, who weighed eight pounds, three ounces at birth, was born at the Greenbelt Hospital on Friday, November 17, 1939.

Francis M. Chaney, Jr. was born October 24 in the Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington. Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Chaney, Sr. of 52 Crescent Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chester Hlasta announce the birth of a daughter Janet Frances on October 22 at the Providence Hospital in Washington. The family resides at 54-A Crescent Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel M. Cook of 13-N Ridge Road, are the proud parents of Marianne, born in the Greenbelt Hospital on October 27.

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Full Line of Groceries and Vegetables
Free Delivery Twice Weekly — Wed. & Sat.

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Mrs. Willis Heads New Womens Club

A group of representative Greenbelt women met last week to organize "The Greenbelt Women's Club" which will be affiliated with the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and through that organization with the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States.

The object of this organization shall be to unite the women of Greenbelt for purposes of mutual benefit and for the promotion of their common interest in educational, civic, social and moral measures for individual and community efficiency.

Mrs. Harry Harcum, president-director of Maryland Federation of Maryland Clubs was a guest of the group and assisted in instructing the small group invited to meet her.

Election of officers for a two year term resulted in the choice of:

Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis, president; Mrs. Leon Benefiel, first vice-president; Mrs. S. Hartford Downs, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles E. Fitch, recording and corresponding secretary; Mrs. Wallace Mabee, treasurer; Mrs. Linden S. Dodson, parliamentarian.

Those present included: Mesdames Benefiel, Braden, Mabee, Downs, Bessmer, Dodson, Thomas Freeman, Fitch, Gale, Ethel Lehman, McCarl, Ruth Taylor, Mary Lloyd Willis, Pence, Harper and Fickus.

The club will meet in members homes for the time being on the first Thursday of each month.

Fits, Not Tantrums

In order to improve the fit of women's ready-made clothing and the size of patterns for women's garments the United States Bureau of Home Economics is sponsoring a cooperative WPA project in which 58 measurements used in clothing construction will be taken on women living in various parts of the country. Work was started this month in Baltimore, and has been going on in Washington since the first of October. Several of the Better Buyers groups, as well as the Greenbelt Mothers' Club, have been approached regarding appointments for fittings.

No scientific study of body measurements for sizing women's garments and patterns has ever been reported. The measurements now used have grown up in the industries, apparently chiefly by trial and error, based on measurements taken on a few women by various inaccurate procedures. Garments labeled the same size but made by different manufacturers vary enormously and few of them fit without alteration. Women often have to add to the price of ready-made clothes large additional sums for alterations, sometimes as much as an additional 25 per cent on the cost of the dress.

The Bureau of Home Economics has just completed and reported a study of the body measurements of 147,000 children representative of all sections of the country. The results have been accepted by the garment and pattern industries, and at the present time representatives of national associations of these trades and of consumers are working under the auspices of the American Standards Association upon a proposed size standard based upon these results for the use of all industries concerned. In order to establish representative sizes in women's clothing, 10,000 women will submit to the tape measure. Weight and 58 measurements will be taken on each woman. These include all the measurements used in constructing garments worn on the trunk of the body. It will be impossible to include the measurements for the sizing of shoes, hats, and gloves, on account of the time required. The 58 measurements now included can be completed in 45 minutes. All measuring is to be done with calibrated instruments provided by the United States Bureau of Home Economics. (Too bad, men. No jobs open. This machine age!)

Ancient autos stand in rows
In front of modern, streamlined homes.
Familiar home town gossip flows
Across electric wash machines.
And children wrangle by the fence
While empty playground swings hang slack.
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— Anne Hull



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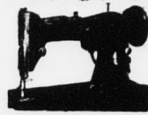
Better Buyers Argue At Ice Cream Hearings

At least two Better Buyers groups took advantage of the open hearings on ice cream held at the Department of Agriculture on November 16. It was the first of such hearings attended by the writer, and an intensely interesting affair it turned out to be. Important looking men, all pressed and polished, and with bulging brief cases, somewhat nervously (it seemed to me) asked for the floor from time to time, and testified, oh, so earnestly, that vanillin was the proper thing to make vanilla ice cream with, or that only pure fruit flavoring was used in peach flavor ice cream and it was silly of the consumers to miss the fresh peaches which mother used to put in the ice cream she made. And then they sat down, and lit another cigaret. A less imposing group, numbering perhaps ten, two of them women with babies in their laps, listened intently to everything that was said. A handsomely dressed woman, sporting the latest in finger-waves, manicures, and mink capes, rose to her feet. "I, for one, do not believe in penalizing industry," she said, "and cannot see the necessity for standardization of products. As for strict laws regarding labels, that's absurd. No women read the labels anyhow." The small, unimportant group of women sat up straighter, and when the speaker had sat down, they looked quickly at each other. One woman handed her baby to her neighbor and rose to her feet. The chairman nodded at her and she began to speak, so much engrossed in what she was saying that she forgot to give her name to the secretary. For approximately fifteen minutes, she talked about the stupidity of housewives who opened cans and fed their families out of them without reading labels, about the rise of consumer consciousness and the great need of government standardization. The chairman nodded kindly to her as she took her seat. The fashionable lady and the manufacturing experts lit more cigarets and there was a short and uncomfortable silence. Another of the unimportant group asked to be heard, and began to speak on the desirability of setting a minimum of fresh fruit to be used in ice cream before it could be styled "Fresh fruit ice cream". A humorous note was struck by an expert who didn't intend it to be humorous. When asked by a consumer whether his company used re-run ice cream, as chocolate the day after it didn't sell as vanilla, he replied, "Madam, that is against the law." She asked him again whether his company did this, and he answered heatedly, "Madam, I think I said it was against the law. I meant the law in the District. I don't know what kind of laws you have in Greenbelt!" The questioner approached one of Greenbelt's Better Buyers in the hall after adjournment of the hearings, and said, "Thanks for starting me off. I might not have spoken if you hadn't spoken first. And I'd like to add that I felt distinctly flattered that he should have taken me for a Greenbelter."

When the writer left the building, a large number of important looking men were also coming out, busily lighting cigarets. On the whole, it would appear to have been a large day for the cigaret manufacturers. And the small, unimportant looking group came down the steps with their babies, and even the babies looked pleased with themselves!

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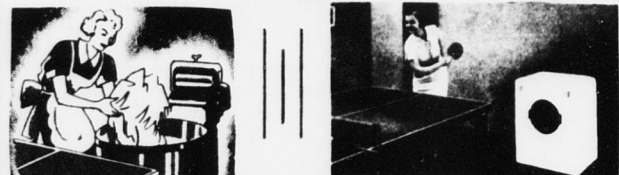


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A Week in Sports

Cornell, Tennessee, and the Texas Aggies continue to ride the crest of the waves in the National Gridiron race for mythical championship honors. Cornell's rout of a good Dartmouth team convinced the few remaining skeptics that the Big Red team is the class of the East. Tennessee, by its easy victory over a determined Vanderbilt eleven, share the Southeastern Conference lead with the boys from Georgia Tech. Texas A. & M.'s 19 to 0 win over Rice established them as the all-conquering team of the Southwest.

This Saturday, many teams will bring their football campaign to a close, with the rest of them waiting until the second Thanksgiving Day. Several teams had to shift their dates around, and as a result the Pennsylvania-Cornell game, Philadelphia's traditional day feature, has been moved up to this Saturday, and the Fordham-New York U. game postponed to December 2, instead of Thanksgiving. Harvard and Yale wind up their schedules as usual with their annual fray, and Columbia and Manhattan tackle Colgate and Villanova in final games. The Army will be idle this week, awaiting the Midshipmen in Philadelphia on December 2, Carnegie Tech meets Duquesne, Penn State tackles Pittsburg, and Princeton faces Navy in other games.

Five Western Conference tussles are scheduled for the windup Saturday of Big Ten competition, and The Middle West boasts of the big game of the day, the Southern California-Notre Dame joust. The latter should be the best game of the season, as the Trojans will be coming East to take the Irish once again, for a victory will put the Coast eleven right up there with the three leaders. An opening day 7 to 7 tie with Oregon is the only sore spot on the Trojans record, as they defeated Washington State, Illinois, California, Oregon State, and Stanford on successive Saturdays, and all by from 12 to 33 points.

Fifteen out of twenty last week, for 56 out of 76 selections. How about this week?

| WINNER | LOSER | WINNER | LOSER |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Cornell | Pennsylvania | Ohio State | Michigan |
| Pittsburg | Penn State | Wisconsin | Minnesota |
| Princeton | Navy | Northwestern | Iowa |
| Harvard | Yale | Oregon State | U.C.L.A. |
| Columbia | Colgate | Texas Christian | Rice |
| Villanova | Manhattan | Purdue | Indiana |
| Duquesne | Carnegie T. | Syracuse | Maryland |
| Southern Cal | Notre Dame | Duke | N.C. State |

Women's Bowling League

The Womens Bowling League met for the fifth time last Monday night, November 13, 1939, and the Strikettes, by drawing a bye, held on to first place in the league standings. Three teams, Holbrook, Starlight, and the Outlaws, had an opportunity to tie the leaders prior to the games, but the Outlaws dropped both games to the Robbins in the first match and the Starlights split with the Holbrook team in the second and final match.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

| TEAM | W | L | H.G. | H.S. | PINS |
|---------------|---|---|------|------|------|
| 1. Strikettes | 5 | 3 | 486 | 939 | 3650 |
| 2. Holbrook | 4 | 4 | 470 | 902 | 3537 |
| 3. Robbins | 4 | 4 | 457 | 892 | 3501 |
| 4. Starlight | 4 | 4 | 459 | 903 | 3496 |
| 5. Outlaws | 3 | 5 | 475 | 908 | 3495 |

High Team Game - Strikettes 486; Outlaws 475.
High Team Set - Strikettes 939; Outlaws 908.
High Ind. Ave. - Dove 85-6; Wofsey 84-4.
High Game - Wofsey 128; Olson 101.
High Set - Wofsey 213; Dove 183.
High Flat Game - Ahasey 93; Martone 86.
High Strikes - Wright 3; Witches and Snyder 2.
High Spares - Wofsey 9; Dove 7.

BOWLING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 27, 1939

| | | | |
|------------|-----|---------|-----------|
| Starlights | vs. | Outlaws | 7:30 P.M. |
| Strikettes | vs. | Robbins | 9:00 P.M. |

REPS BEGIN SEASON AT HOME SATURDAY NIGHT

The Greenbelt Athletic Club Basketball Team play their first game of the season this Saturday, November 25, 1939, in the Elementary School Gym. Their opponents will be the Interstate Commerce Commission quintet from Washington, D. C. Game time will be 8:30 P.M., and admission charge will be the same as last year; adults ten cents, children five cents. Let's all help the boys win the first game by attending.

SCHOOL TOUCH FOOTBALL

The Elementary School touch football league continued their play through the last two weeks, and as a result, we find three teams tied for first place. They are the Giants, Browns and Tigers. The results of the past two weeks are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Tigers 6 - Red Sox 0. | Giants 6 - Red Sox 6 |
| Browns 12 - Senators 12 | Tigers 6 - Cardinals 6 |
| Yankees 12 - Tigers 6 | Browns 12 - Indians 0 |
| Senators 6 - Giants 0 | Red Sox 18 - Yankees 0 |
| Red Sox 6 - Indians 0 | Giants 6 - Browns 0 |
| Browns 8 - Cardinals 0 | Tigers 6 - Indians 0 |

STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS

| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | TD | PERC. |
|-----------|------|---|---|----|-------|
| Giants | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .750 |
| Browns | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .750 |
| Tigers | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .750 |
| Yankees | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .667 |
| Senators | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .667 |
| Red Sox | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .500 |
| Cardinals | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | .000 |
| Indians | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |

LOCAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE GETS UNDER WAY

The Greenbelt Athletic Club Intra-mural Basketball League got under way last Friday night with three good games contested and one game forfeited.

The first game at 7:30 P.M. between the Bees and the Colts was closely fought with the boys from "B" block mosing out their opponents 22 to 21. Schulz was high scorer for the winners with eight points, while Keagle paced the losers with 11. Colts lead at half time 15 to 10. The Dumbells defeated the Jints 27 to 19 by virtue of Uhrinak's and Resnick's sterling play, aided often by Cockill. Barker stood out for the losers. The third game was forfeited by Snob Hill through a misunderstanding in game time, and the final was a runaway, L. D. S. scoring 41 points against 9 for the Athletics. The Elder brothers, Howard and Guy, new members in the Club, stole the whole show for the winners.

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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|-----------|---------|-----|-----------|
| 7:30 P.M. | Cee Men | vs. | Athletics |
| 8:15 P.M. | Jints | vs. | Snob Hill |
| 9:00 P.M. | Bees | vs. | L. D. S. |
| 9:45 P.M. | Colts | vs. | Dumbells |

ABOUT WOMEN... AND SPORTS

From the looks of things, it appears that from now on the women who do not take advantage of Gym Nite won't be anybody until they enter into the spirit.

With the class getting larger every week Miss Dungan is going to have to acquire several assistants to supply her with the extra hands she needs on Thursday evenings. Teaching about 100 women how to play and have fun is no easy task, yet, in all the time she has been doing this work she has never voiced a complaint of any kind. That my friends is endurance.....

The Thursday after Thanksgiving when we return to play, the two tournaments will get under way. Unless a very good excuse is presented to Miss Dungan before hand the entrant or entrants will have to default. The ping pong tournament will last through the evening, whereas the badminton tournament will take place from 7:30 to 9:00.

The Badminton Ladder and Ping Pong Slate are all prepared and awaiting the tussle, hair-pulling, hard playing of the contestants. Go to it and may the best team win.....

Takoma Park has challenged our Volleyball team to a friendly game on Monday afternoon. As no team is picked as yet it will probably be just scrimmage practice to us. Last year we played Takoma Park several times, and without fear, as we knew we had a real team to combat. More about basketball and other activities next week.

— Marjorie Jane Ketcham

Bowling League News

The five MUSKETEERS, by virtue of their three winning games over the CONSUMERS SERVICE team last Tuesday night, regained possession of first place in the Greenbelt Bowling League Standings. Led by Schulz 135 in the second game, the leaders again established a new high game when they rolled a 554. The ALLIGATORS took second place when they also made a clean sweep, against the BLUES, and the CRESCENTS dropped to third by losing two and winning only one in rolling the EAGLES. The other sweep of the evening was furnished by the improved BUCKEROOS, who took all three games from the SCRIBES.

In the other four matches of the evening, the CEE MEN sent the LIONS to fourth position by taking two of their three games, while the AMERICAN LEGION clipped the CARDINALS wings by the same margin. The JAGUARS continued to climb up the ladder by taking the odd game from the HOLI-ROLLERS, and the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS defeated the ROMANS two games to one.

STANDINGS

| TEAM | WON | LOST | PINFALL |
|---------------------|-----|------|---------|
| Musketeers | 22 | 8 | 15215 |
| Alligators | 22 | 8 | 14594 |
| Crescents | 19 | 8 | 13200 |
| Lions | 20 | 10 | 14388 |
| Cardinals | 17 | 13 | 14130 |
| Buckeroos | 16 | 14 | 14033 |
| Consumer Services | 15 | 15 | 13993 |
| Jaguars | 14 | 16 | 14710 |
| Scrives | 14 | 16 | 13211 |
| Eagles | 13 | 17 | 14129 |
| Cee Men | 13 | 17 | 13091 |
| Holi Rollers | 12 | 18 | 13514 |
| American Legion | 11 | 19 | 12634 |
| Knights of Columbus | 9 | 18 | 11967 |
| Romans | 11 | 19 | 12503 |
| Blues | 9 | 21 | 13776 |

High Team Game - Musketeers 554; Crescents 551.
High Team Set - Musketeers 1590; Alligators 1578.
High Ind. Game - Temple (Musketeers), 147; Araujo, (Jaguars), 143.
High Ind. Set - Temple 395; MacEwen (musketeers) 380.
High Strikes - Temple 21; Dove (Eagles) 19.
High Spares - Temple 87; Millbrook (Cons. Ser.) 71.
High Ind. Aver. - Temple 118-25; Millbrook 107-19; Araujo 107-10; Lastner 107-10; Henshaw 105-12; MacEwen 103-10.

BOWLING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 28

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|--------------------------|-----|----------------|--------|
| Alleys 1 & 2 - Buckeroos | vs. | Crescents | 7 P.M. |
| 3 & 4 - Cardinals | vs. | Romans | 7 P.M. |
| 5 & 6 - Musketeers | vs. | Holi-Rollers | 7 P.M. |
| 7 & 8 - Lions | vs. | Alligators | 7 P.M. |
| 1 & 2 - K of C | vs. | Amer. Legion | 9 P.M. |
| 3 & 4 - Eagles | vs. | Scrives | 9 P.M. |
| 5 & 6 - Blues | vs. | Cee Men | 9 P.M. |
| 7 & 8 - Jaguars | vs. | Consumers Ser. | 9 P.M. |

Men Start Badminton Tournament

In an effort to organize a Number One Badminton team in Greenbelt, the Wednesday night men's gym class of the Athletic Association have started a Badminton Tournament. Play will continue for about four or five weeks, until the best players have been found. These players will organize a team, and will invite teams from the Washington area out here to play exhibition matches.

In this current tournament, play has reached the second round, and out of 25 starters fourteen contestants still remain in the running. The third round is this Wednesday, and some of the matches will be Fulmer vs. Sanchez; Sanders vs. Conklyn; Fleharty vs. Holochwest; Bauer vs. Hitchcock; and Goldfaden vs. Burns.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT LADDER READY

For the past several weeks the women have been signing up with much enthusiasm for the Badminton Doubles Tournament. Now that the ladder is ready, the contestants in the lower brackets will be allowed to challenge anyone within the three next higher rungs. The complete list is as follows:

Wofsey vs. Martone; Dennard vs. Ketcham; Walker vs. Underwood; Colletti vs. Pinkney; Goldfaden vs. Talbot; Hesse vs. Brennon; Bowman; Kyle vs. Flatner; Olsen vs. Dobbin.

Along the same line the Ping Pong Tournament is announced;

Trattler vs. Conklyn; Goldfaden bye; Neblett bye; McGuckin vs. Kling; Martone vs. Flatner; Talbot vs. Colletti; Abrahams vs. Kyle; Wofsey bye.

The first rounds of both of these tournaments will be played the first Thursday after Thanksgiving.

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Our Hospital: Part 1

[This is the first of a series of three articles about Greenbelt's municipal hospital. This one will deal with organization and development; a second will treat the personnel, equipment and services of the hospital; and a third will discuss the ways in which the community serves the hospital and plans for its future.]

Contrary to popular belief the community hospital is an organization entirely separate from the Greenbelt Health Association. The hospital is a municipal affair directed by and responsible to the Town Manager and the Council; the Health Association is run by and for its own members, an independent group of citizens.

The hospital project was first officially brought up by Mayor Maurer at a meeting of the town council a year ago. There was at the time a total of \$2,000 in unexpended funds from the 1938 town budget, and fifteen different groups and organizations were anxious for their share. After much discussion pro and con, the Council voted to allot the sum in toto to the hospital. The community need was obvious; a high birth rate and a large number of children in the population subject to disease and injuries requiring emergency attention.

The Health Association lent a helping hand to the project by offering to release for the hospital's use the block of houses at 30 Ridge Road with the provision that they might sublease from the town sufficient space for their offices. O. Kline Fulmer and Harvey Vincent were given the task of converting two one-family units into a conveniently laid out hospital; they completed the plans by January. Remodeling started on February 20, and the change most joyfully commented upon by the community at large was the repaint job on the exterior walls. The original crushed raspberry tone was painted over with gleaming white, while the trim was left its original dark red; residents could not longer direct their friends to "the awful pink building—you can't miss it!" An open house party for the citizens on the rainy Sunday of April 30, 1939 celebrated the hospital's opening.

The hospital charter is patterned after the model municipal hospital charters of the Duke Foundation and the American College of Surgeons. It stipulates that the Town Council act as the Board of Trustees and the policy-forming body of the hospital. The superintendent and the medical staff are directly accountable to the Town Manager and the Board of Trustees, and monthly meetings are held to consider problems relative to the hospital.

The medical staff comprises an active staff consisting of the regular physicians and five consultant specialists, and a courtesy staff. All the physicians in Prince Georges county have been invited to apply for membership on the courtesy staff for their convenience in treating local patients. The physicians must possess the qualifications recommended by the American College of Surgeons in order to have free access to all the equipment and services the Greenbelt hospital offers.

In case of emergency any physician licensed in Maryland or the District of Columbia may utilize the hospital, subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the Board of Trustees and the medical staff.

The town is justly proud of the progressive, co-operative spirit in which its municipal hospital was founded and is being administered.

LOCAL AIRPORT OFFICIAL PILOT SCHOOL

Schrom's Airport, on the outskirts of Greenbelt, has been selected as one of three fields in the Washington area to be used in the civilian pilot training course of George Washington University, it was announced last week.

Other fields selected for the flight training, part of the Civil Aeronautics Authority student program, will be the Congressional Airport on the Rockville Pike and Beacon Field, Near Alexandria, Va.

Ten students will receive training at the Greenbelt Field. The Cub planes, used in the training program are described as "about as near foolproof as any plane made". Students have completed a ground course which began last October 1.

For a new establishment, the Greenbelt Beauty Shop is doing very well, according to Miss Madeline Brasseur, manager. Each week, she states, a few new customers come to the shop.

While the hours are long, business at the Beauty Shop does not yet justify the employment of a second operator.

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Robert McClary Is Editor

First edition this semester of the Pioneer, Greenbelt High School publication was distributed to students last week.

Robert McClary is editor of the four page printed newspaper which is published monthly.

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The paper is printed at Hyattsville High School, who print school papers for several other high schools in the county. The price of the paper is five cents per copy to those who do not have student activity cards.

BELTSVILLE ASKS CHANGED SCHOOL SITE

The Prince Georges County School Board agreed to consider another site for the new Beltsville school following a request by school officials and citizen representatives.

The delegation requested the change because of the proximity of the present site to the highway, the fact that it was not in the center of the community and that its size would necessitate changing building plans.

Schools Superintendent Orem said that he doubted that the State board would permit a change.

BALANCE SHEETS EXPLAINED TO TOWNSPEOPLE

A "neighborhood meeting" sponsored by the C.O.C. met at Mrs. Uhrig's home last week to go over the balance sheet of the Greenbelt Consumers' Services Inc. as shown by the September 30 audit. Mr. Benefiel and Mrs. Harper were there to explain and discuss such terms as liabilities, assets, deferred assets, fixed assets, and so on. About 15 attended.

Similar meetings have been held at the homes of Mrs. Brautigam and Mrs. Conklin, in J. Block. Mr. Custer has represented the C.O.C. upon these occasions.

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